

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 1, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that the drawings have been accepted and that claims 1-37 are allowed. In response to the Office Action, claims 38-43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, whereby allowed claims 1-37 remaining pending in the application and notice of allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 38-43 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 38-43 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The rejected claims 38-43 have been cancelled by the above amendment, whereby the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been obviated.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 38-43 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 38-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of U.S. Application Publication No. US 2002/0118797 to Masuda in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,365,570 to Boubelik. In addition, claim 43 was rejected as obvious in view of Masuda, Boubelik, and U.S. Patent No. 6,327,342 to Mobley. As these claims have been cancelled without prejudice above, the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In response to the Office Action, claims 38-43 have been cancelled, leaving allowed claims 1-37 pending. As these claims were indicated as allowed in the Office Action, notice of allowance is requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 06-0308, LUTZ200258.

Respectfully submitted,

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